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SOIL CONSERVATION

What is soil conservation? Many people think it means to use the soil sparingly with little or no waste. Maybe ne weed a better and broader definition to fit today's concept of the subject.

Soil conservation is the application to the land of all necessary measures to build up and maintain soil productivity for efficient, abundant production on a sustained basis.

Soil conservation, therefore, means proper land use; protecting the land against all forms of soil deterioration; rebuilding eroded and depleted soil; conserving moisture for plant use; proper agricultural drainage; land leveling where needed; and other measures which contribute to maximum practical yields and farm incomes.

Many other desirable results include aid in flood-prevention and watershed protection, and improvement of wildlife and recreation.

Virginia's soil conservation districts next week (October 14-20) will band together to sponsor the 1956 Natural Resource Week. Cooperating in the observance are the Soil Conservation Service, Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Virginia Firest Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, and interested business, clubs, and individuals.

It is fitting to pay tribute at this time to the conservationist — and to farmers who use their land within its capabilities, and treat it in accordance with its needs. The end objective is, as are all other worthy human efforts, to uphold the current and continued welfare of mankind.

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MAKING A STRONG RUN

One of the major arguments for the placing of Senator Estes Kefauver on the Democratic ticket, was that he had a homespun appeal that might be turned into votes in the vast farm belt of the nation. The Senator has beencampaigning diligently in that area, and doubtless will keep it up right on until election day. The farmers who recall Eisenhower's promises of 100% of parity in 1952, and look with misgivings upon Secretary Benson, find in Senator Kefauver the type of man they would like as their champion.

Farm prices are still unfavorable, and the polls show that the Democrats have a fighting chance to break into a few of the traditionally Republican Mid-western states. The odds would certainly still be on Eisenhower for another victory, but it is not nearly like it was in 1952. The next few weeks should be most interesting.

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THE TURNING LEAVES

The greatest show on earth, in our humble opinion, is now underway. Although we do not fancy ourselves as highbrow, a poet, or even a sophisticated hombre, we nevertheless admire each year, the wonders of Fall.

In the Northern regions of the country, and in mountainous regions the first days of September turned leaves yellow, rust or gold, and with the red and brown that is common among the hardwoods, the woods became a panorama of color.

It would seem that this would be enough to impress almost any human being with the fact that there is a power greater than man. Fall seems to signify the end of life, and the turning of the leaves actually is the dying of these leaves — the exact opposite of the rich Spring green, and its exuberant green foliage.

As Fall wears on and the leaves come down, the outline of trees, limbs and entire forest becomes clear. The nights are cool, fog appears often in the early morning, the stars seem to gleam a little brighter, and the air is crisp.

Even the wind seems to say something to Fall. Perhaps it is the gust that heralds the bitter cold of Winter, or perhaps it is the fact that the leaves no longer break the sweep of the wind. Whatever it is, the Fall — the most nostalgic of seasons — brings a brilliant array of color, thoughts and — most important — thought.

We suggest to all of our readers that they get out into the countryside in Fall and, if possible, walk through the woods to enjoy the sight. Not only will it be good physical therapy, but it is wonderful mental therapy, as well.

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BLUE DIVISION COMES HOME

It may be remembered that when Adolph Hitler attacked Russia on June 22, 1941, with high hopes of an early victory, most of his European allies joined in the assault.

For example, Finland took this opportunity to seek revenge for the Russian attack and conquest of Finnish territory which had occurred in 1939. Spain, which was aligned closely with Hitler and Mussolini, sent a division, and some additional strength, to the Russian front to fight with the Germans.

This was Dictator Francisco Franco's way of repaying the Russians who had supported the Loyalists Government against the Insurgents in the Spanish Civil War, which ended in 1939.

The Balkan nations also joined Hitler in his assault on Russia and, therefore, Hitler threw the concentrated might of the armies of many countries against the Russians. When these concentrated armies failed to achieve a decisive victory, the German allies began to melt away and when the Russians reached the borders of Rumania and other Balkan countries, their alliances with Hitler Germany crumbled.

The Blue Division, which was Spain's contribution to the assault on Communist Russia, was not able to get home intact, in some instances. Now, fifteen years after Hitler launched his attack against Russia, 547 Spanish citizens are arriving in Spain, being repatriated after spending the intervening years in Russia.

For these Spaniards, especially those who fought in the Blue Division, their sacrifice was certainly a costly personal one and one from which they will never completely recover. It is another example of the tragic consequences of war, and the suffering inflicted on humanity by dictators and dictatorial countries, who resort to war or send their troops into battle with little thought for the individual lives of the men (and sometimes, women) committed.

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The trouble with life today is that there are too many people who recommend themselves too highly.

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Bridge might not be such a waste of time if the players would stop talking about the hands they played last week.

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One reason the future looks so bad to some people is that they know nothing about the past.

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Flattery is one way to pave the walkway of life, but it often costs more than it is worth.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Exodus 20:1-21
Devotional Reading: Psalm 19:7-14.

Why God Says No!

Lesson for October 14, 1956

A QUESTION often asked about the Ten Commandments is this: Why are they all in the negative? It all seems to be "Don't, don't." "Does God hang chains on us to hamper our freedom? Is God more interested in stopping us from what we want to do than in showing us what to do? Why the emphasis on the negative? Isn't Christian morality, right living before God, a positive thing? Can a set of prohibitions be a solid base for life today?

Dr. Foreman

"Don't" Is a Useful Word

Let's look at this a little. For one thing, it must be remembered that the Ten Commandments, as they are called, were not invented by Moses or first revealed to him. We know that centuries before Moses, wise men were saying it already, and it is pretty safe to suppose that most people knew it,—namely that stealing and killing and adultery are wrong. The reason Moses gave the Ten Commandments was not that either he or God had just discovered them. These Commandments came out in their present form (or possibly a shorter form, enlarged later) for the benefit and guidance of a very primitive people, just out of slavery where they and their forefathers had been for generations. For people like that "Don't" is easier to understand than "Do." A little child can be saved from being hurt or killed just by learning the meaning of the little word NO. "Don't" is a useful word. It is simpler, too, to say "Don't" than "Do." Learning to do well takes time, and brains too. You don't have to learn to stop. You don't have to be a "brain" to stop doing wrong. So the Ten Commandments begin at the right end, the simple end. "Thou shalt not," or "Don't," in other words, is not the whole of what godness means; but it is a good place to begin.

Under Control

Nowadays it is not popular to mention such words or ideas as discipline, self-control, temperance, or restraint; but these are good things in their place, and life is good that ignores them. Doing what you want to do when you feel like doing it without asking anybody is a small boy's dream, but it is no way for a grown man or woman to live. This is another reason why so many of the Ten Commandments begin with "Don't." Brakes say "No" to a car, and a car without brakes isn't safe for a minute. Stakes say "No" to sprawling vines, but the vines are the better for being tied up. Pruning shears say "No" to grape-vines; but unpruned grapevines soon run down. Rails say "No" to train wheels; and when the wheels (so to speak) decide to go where they please, you have a wreck. "Doing what comes naturally" may be silly, sinful, even criminal. Impulses can be harmful and hateful. Instincts may be warped or exaggerated. The disciplined, self-controlled life is not a life of mere repression; but if there is no repression anywhere, if there is no response and obedience when God says "No," then life becomes a tangle like an untrimmed grape vine, a smash-up like a train that tries to cross a field without rails.

Every Don't Has a Do!

Every "don't" has a matching "do" of some kind. Thou shalt not steal means also, Thou shalt not waste property, Thou shalt conserve the earth's resources, Thou shalt respect property. When you see a farmer using intelligent methods to prevent or cure soil erosion, you may think about it, and he may not; but he is trying to prevent stealing or wasting the land on which future generations may depend. He is obeying the Eighth Commandment. But such a farmer shows that right living consists not merely in refusing to commit a certain small list of selected crimes; right living is not only not stealing land (for example) from the rising generation, right living includes also doing all one can to pass on to those who shall come after, land that shall have become —because wisely used—more fertile and fruitful than it was before. In the same way with all other commandments, every Don't! has a Do! Thou shalt not kill means not only committing no murder, shortening no life; it means contributing to life and health all we can, wherever we can. "Temperance" is not mere restriction, it is not life-denying; it is life-building.

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Washington Notes

RAILROAD CARS

The railroads of the nation took delivery of 29,988 new freight cars in the twelve months ended September 1, and spent millions repairing old equipment. Even so, they now lack an estimated 10,000 cars to move the nation's fast-maturing farm crops and the usual flood of Christmas goods headed from factories to store shelves.

EMPLOYMENT

At the latest count, 66,800,000 people in the United States are working regularly on jobs, compared with 65,500,000 a year ago. At 2,200,000, unemployment is just about as it was a year ago.

HOUSING

About 1,100,000 new dwelling units were started in the first nine months of 1956, as compared with about 1,328,000 such units started in the same period of last year. With cooler weather ahead, there is little chance that new building starts will equal the number of such new dwellings in 1955.

FARM PRICES

Prices received by farmers for their crops declined one-half of one per cent between mid-August and mid-September, according to the Agriculture Department. This was the third consecutive month that farm prices have dipped. Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services also fell during this period one-third of one per cent—the first drop in farmers' living and production costs since November of last year. They were still 3 per cent higher than a year ago, however.

FALL PIG CROP

The expected number of sows to farrow this fall in nine Corn Belt states is 8 per cent fewer than in 1955, according to the Agricuture Department. The number is estimated at 3,490,000, as compared with 3,781,000 farrowed in the same period last year in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Kansas.

TRAFFIC RECORD ENDS

Mahoney City, Pa.— The death of little James Tibioni, 5-year-old deaf mute, ended one of the nation's best traffic safety records. The boy was killed by a tractor-trailer truck after he reportedly darted into the street from behind a parked car. His death was the first highway death in this city of 11,000 in seven and a half years.

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Communications

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 6.

To the Editor:

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"The Norfolk and Western way advertisement that appeared last week's edition of the paper had an erroneous statement next to the last paragraph. It read.... "all taxes amounted about $44,330,000, more than 21 per cent greater than our revenues." This should have read 'more than 21 per cent of our operating revenues.'"

Cordially yours,
R. E. Bondurant

Dumb Luck

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...Grade, Mrs. Kathleen D. ...Lawrence Beard, Marvin ...Kelly O'Brien, Willie Hicks, ...Regnis, Billy King, Byron ...Johnny Gallier, Larry John-...Robert Morris, Sandra Trent, ...Mayberry, Joyce Fitzgerald, ...Carter, Catherine Rich-...Joyce Moon, Nancy Sue ...Mary Catherine Mitchell, ...Ann Doss.

...h Grade, Mrs. Ola S. Fur-...Bill Allen Burke, Aubrey ...Robert Goin, Steven God-...nie Johnson Jr., Teddy ...Nancy Moon, George Nash, ...Whitehead, Buddy Wilcox, ...Chandler, Carson ...Ferguson, Hazel Fields, ...Goin, Juanita Hicks, Juanita ...Mary Lee Mayberry Linda ...Sue Tucker.

...h Grade, Mrs. Ethel A. ...Watkins Abbitt, Kyle Al-...Donald Giles, Freddie Gri-...Lee Mann, Wayne Mann, ...ph Smith, Eric Wilkins, Roy ...Barbara Carter, Patricia ...ham Jean Cyrus, Mary Ann ...Sue Gilbert, Betty Hash, ...Lewis, Mary Ann Mann, ...Jane Mayberry, Joan Mo-...Virginia Williams.

...Grade, Mrs. Wilkins:- ...Byers, Blaine Carter, Fred-...arter, Allen Conner, John ...G. H. Jamerson Jr., Glen ...h, Taylor Mabley, Mildred ...Helen Fitzerald, Carolyn ...Juanita Maddox, Brenda ...Jean Page, Rachel Snow, ...Watson, Inez Woody.

...Grade, Mrs. Harriette Cun-...: Donald Brown, Earl ...Evans, John Gillette, Joe ...d, Charles Martin, Fred ...y, Douglas Mitchell, Mich-...ell, Herbert Pulliam, Joe ...Jimmy Torrence, Kathryn Bragg, Myrtle Christian Priscilla Cole, Carolyn Coleman, Alice Evans, Carol Justice, Carolyn Keys, Vicki Mayberry, Linda Phelps, Jane Wilson.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Parrish:- Butch Bryant, Jimmy Burke, Harold Carter, Wayne Ferguson, Wendell Maddox, Herbert Martin, Cecil Phelps, David Reid, Richard Smith, T. C. Torrence, David Wright, Linda Carter, Gloria Doss, Barbara Gaines, Sue Giles, Ann Godsey, Nellie Harris, Kathryn Taylor, Paula Thompson, Pat Hall.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Thelma W. Martin:- Dennis Brown, Neil Conner, Kenneth Ferguson, Harry Franklin, Grey Hesson, Luther Hicks, Michael Johnson, Claud Richardson, Eugene Williams, Rebekah Barger, Katherine Caldwell, Mary Grey Holland, Carolyn Cordell, Linda Jarrell, Margie Johnson, Mary Catherine Mann, Lois Mays, Barbara Jean Phelps, Cynthia Richardson, Keturah Seward, Lina Trent, Kirkie Watson, Jeannette Williams.

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Third Grade, Miss Della Inge:- Varnie Boyce, Scottie Morris, Danny Hernecall, Glinda Richardson, Carolyn Carter, Nancy Cole, Faye Fuller, Sandra Harvey, Helen Hollingsworth, Susan Ruth Jennings, Linda Rogers, Joyce Webb, Charlie Blackwell, Lawrence Eyers, Sammy Carter, Jimmy Cyrus, Charles Doss, Freddie Godsey, Irie Mays, Pat Mayberry, Clyde McFadden, Thomas Patterson.

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Second and Third Grades, Mrs. Sallye Martin:- Kenneth Coleman, Tommy Elliott, Ray Evans, Walton Pankey, Michael Torrence, George Williams, Nancy Jane Abblitt, Brenda Carter, Joyce Carter, Bertha Mays, Delores Wooten, Norman Booth, Randall Ferguson, Ernest Harris, Johnnie Johnson, Warren Mays, Billy Moore, Helen Garrett, Linda McIntosh, Barbara Ann Reid.

Second Grade, Mrs. Lou C. Rogers:- Roy Byers, Alvin Franklin, Claude Gahlier, David Hamilton, Robert Holt, Dale Mabley, Roger Mayberry, Robert McKinney, Calvin O'Brien, Fred Richardson, James Smith, Evan Thompson, Michael Wallace, Elaine Carter, Faye Conner, Reita Cordell, Julia Ann Guill, Mary Lou Martin, Margaret Moore, Phyllis Moore, Peggy Ann Morris, Janet Moses, Carolyn Hash, Deborah Almond, Harry Williams.

Second Grade, Miss Myrtle Smith:- George Almond, Russell Evans, Dale Ferguson, Larry Guill, John Hicks, Ray Johnson, John Lewis, Dan Mabley, Donald Ray Martin, William Mayberry, Clarence Smith, David Torrence, William Shouse, Donna Conner, Rosetta Evans, Nadine Grishaw, Yvonne Nash, Jane Richardson, Doris Thomas.

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Vera

Vera, Oct. 8.- "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for what so ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." -Galatians 6:7.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt has gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Childers to spend the winter.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette attended the W. M. U. meeting at Pleasant Grove on Friday night.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette and Mr. Lewis Turnes.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Lewis Turnes and Miss Marguerite Gilliam.

Miss Mazie Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds on Friday night.

Mr. Willie Childers celebrated his birthday on Sunday. We wish him many happy returns.

There was no preaching at New Hope on Sunday, as the Rev. Charles Addington is taking his vacation.

Oakville

Oakville, Oct. 9.- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Curry Abbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie D. Lewis had as dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Curry Abbitt, Miss Mattie Moss, Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore left Monday morning for Alexandria to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall. They plan to visit their niece Mrs. Garland Burcher, in Dahlgren, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Campbell spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kyle Sunday afternoon.

The family of E. Kinckle Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hunter, Mrs. Ocie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore gathered together on Sunday at Mr. Martin's home, for a birthday dinner honoring him on his 71st birthday. Also as honor guest was Mrs. Ocie Moore, celebrating her 83rd birthday. Visiting in the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Akers and Joan Akers.

Mrs. R. Marshall Martin is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin on Sunday were members of the family, Mrs. Julia Thorpe, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Lewis Moore, Mrs. E. B. Martin and Miss Elizabeth Haskins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Bussey, Jr., of Roanoke are the proud parents of a baby girl, born this past week. Mrs. Bussey is the former Helen Martin.

Herbert Richardson and Harold Martin co-teachers of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of Mt. Comfort Church, entertained their class at the former's home on Thursday night of last week, with a hamburger fry.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Comfort Church meets Thursday night, Oct. 11, at the church for the October meeting. The program will be presented by Miss Birdie Harvey.

GLENDALE 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Glendale 4-H Club met Friday night, Oct. 5, in the home of Norman Booth. Miss Betty Rae Nash was elected president. T. C. Torrence was elected vice-president; Miss Mildred Nash secretary, and treasuer, and Miss Barbara Tucker reporter. Song leaders are Sue Tucker and T. C. Torrence. Mrs. Herman Nash is leader of the Glendale 4-H Club.

Present were Mrs. Herman Nash, Betty Rae Nash, Herman Nash, Jr., Mildred Nash, Shirley Nash, Sue Tucker, Barbara Tucker, T. C. Torrence, Sherman Moses, Mamie Painter, Carolyn Nash, Mrs. B. G. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ayers. Refreshments were served by the host, Norman Booth.

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Appomattox 4-H Club News

Mrs. Carson's 7th grade 4 - H Club met and elected officers on October 3. Officers are:

President, Mary Catherine Mitchell

Vice-president, Donald Tomlin

Secretary and treasurer, Sandra Trent

Reporter, Joyce Moon.

Song leaders: Catherine Richardson and Sandra Staton.

Club project for the year is Home Ground, Beautification. The members have been given pamphlets on this subject by Mrs. B. G. Anderson. Two girls, Joyce Moon and Sandra Staton won prizes at the Farmville fair. Members plan to enter exhibits in the Lynchburg Farm Show.

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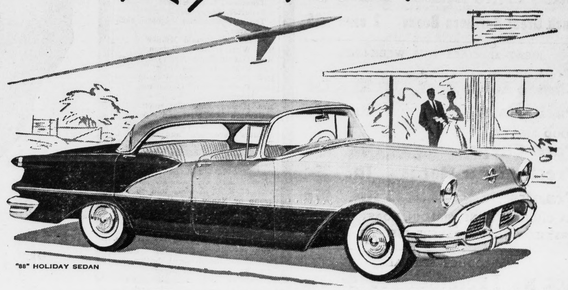

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